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POEM,

In vindication of the late

PUBLICK PROCEEDINGS.

By way of DIALOGUE,

Between a *High* TORY and a TRIMMER.

To which is added,

The High Tory's CATECHISM.

As when the Sea breaks o're its bounds,
And overflows the level Grounds;
Thoſe *Banks* and *Dams* that like a Screen
Did keep it *out*, now keep it *in*.
So when *Tyrannical Uſurpation*
Invades the *freedom* of a *Nation*,
The *Laws* o'th' Land that were intended
To keep it out, *are made Defend it*.

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By way of Dialogue between a High TORY *and a* TRIMMER.

WHen *King* and *Queen* the Seas had croſt,
Becauſe a good *Deſign* was loſt;
Scamp'ring away in haſty Pet,
'Cauſe people would not have them *get*
Their *Heirs* by *proxy*, and *Throne* fill
With *Iſſue*, not of *Loins* but *Will*:
Of diſcourſe then I heard a ſtory,
Between a *Trimmer* and *high Tory*.
With viſage grave and politick,
Quoth *Tory*, pray how can you ſtick
To a rebellious wicked *cauſe*,
Againſt ſo many *Oaths* and *Laws*;
Which bind to *abſolute* ſubmiſſion,
Without *reſerve* without *condition*?
Why don't you then the King recall,
And reinthrone him at *Whitehall*?
For would his Subjects but ſubmit,
And forreign Forces *England* quit;
He'd grant enough to blaſt all hope
Of hated *Romiſh Prieſts* and *Pope*;
And *Right* and *Property* reſtore,
Never to be endanger'd more.

Trim. Suppoſe, quoth *Trimmer*, things might be
As you affirm, great fools were we
Should we *believe*'t, for on what *ground*
Can we a juſt *aſſurance* found?
Promiſe no doubt he'll give, but what
Security to make good *That*?
No *Vow*, no *Oath*, nor *Declaration*
Will ſerve again to *gull* the *Nation*,
Which now's alike enclin'd to truſt
The *Nants-Edicts* of *Great* and *Juſt*.
Would *James* have *granted* what you ſay
He will, he ne're had gone away;
And ſure *abroad* he is not gone
With purpoſe to return *alone*.
Shall we the *word* of *Lewis* take,
That *James* no more his *word* ſhall *break*,
And let *French Faith* attend him home
Joyn'd with the *Charity* of *Rome*?
Who have o'th' *one* experience had,
May *try* the *other*, if they're mad.

Tory. Why truly ſhould the King return,
To us who're his Liege-ſubjects born
The Act of Sixty one in force is,
Ev'n though he landed with *French* Forces:
Or elſe pray tell me what's the ſenſe
Of bearing arms on *no pretence*,
And in *no caſe*, againſt the *King*,
Or thoſe that his *Commiſſion* bring?

Trimmer. In this Objection ſeems to lie
Your greateſt ſtrength, but I reply;
No *Acts* or *Laws* have obligation
To the *deſtruction* of a *Nation*;
Which to *preſerve* is their intent,
(And this not *mention'd* is ſtill *meant*,)
And when they anſwer not this *end*,
But to the peoples *dammage* tend
(Who thereby *harm'd* are or *annoy'd*,)
Without Repeal grow *null* and *void*;

Which

Which much more ſure they ought to *do*, in
Caſe they *advance* the *publick ruin.*
No Law is bound for *Pope* to *cut*
(*No more than Eſſex*) its own throat;
Whoſe very *Eſſence* is contrary
To *abſolute* and *arbitrary*,
And if 't enacts *ſuch Soveraignty*
Muſt guilty of *Self-murther* be.
Nor can *one Law* hold to *ſuſpend*
Or to *all others* put an *end*;
(But that *Law* makes all *others* ceaſe,
Which bids *Kings* do e'en *what they pleaſe.*)
And he who does with Laws *diſpenſe*
Made for our *ſafety* and *defence*,
And only *ſuch* in force will have
As ſerve the people to *enſlave*,
Says in effect his *ſubjects* muſt
Be rul'd by his ungovern'd *luſt*;
And ſuch *uſurping* Tyrant ſhou'd
Like firſt *Invader* be *withſtood.*
That only *Pacts* to *one* convey
The Right of *many* I'll not ſay;
But yet *Protection* ſure is *to*,
Although not *for*, *obedience* due:
And if a *Prince* withdraws *protection*
While *people* pay all *due ſubjection*,
Why *Loyal* men ſhould *paſſive* be
Till they are *ruin'd*, I can't ſee.
He that to *Law* will not ſubmit
His *Power*, deſtroys the *ſource* of it;
And *legal* Title gone, *new* Right
Muſt be acquir'd by *force* and *might*:
He thence of no *claim* is poſſeſt,
Till he atchieves That of *conqueſt*;
And *That* will any *others* be
VVho ſhews a longer *ſword* than *he.*

Tory. This is wild arguing, but pray
VVhat Scripture *Rule* to *diſobey*
Your *Governors* can you produce,

Which you may *bend* to *private* uſe;
And, as you'r wont, by *wreſting* ſenſe
Of *Text*, make plauſible defence?
For here you will your deareſt *Paul*
In vain to your aſſiſtance call,
And if you would this *cauſe* ſupport,
Muſt find ſome *new Apoſtle* for't.

Trim. This ſeems the weakeſt *Ob* of all
From *Tory* lips that ere did fall;
For how ſhould *Paul* concerned be
In the *Birthright* of you or me?
In Holy *Writ* what do you find
Of *Copyhold*, or *Gavelkind*,
Tenure in capite, *Feefarm*;
To *Paul* and *Peter Cant* and *Charm*;
Who never tell how far *extends*
The pow'r of Kings, and *where* it *ends*;
If *Commonwealth* and *Anarchy*
Differ in *kind*, or in *degree*;
What's *eaſie* Government and *mild*,
And which 'tis *galls* till men run wild.
Could you from *them* the difference ſhew
'Twixt *Claim* of *Trajan* and *Nero*;
Or Sequel from ſome *Scripture* draw
'Gainſt that vile pagan *Salique Law*;
And Argument raiſe from another,
To make *Grandſon* precede the *Brother*
In *wearing Crown*, you'd do much more
Than ever *Tory* did before.
Since then no *Text* ſhews who has got
A *rightful* Title, and who *not*;
When Subjects liberty's *betray'd*, or
Who's an *Uſurper* or *Invader*,
Herein we muſt directed be
By Maxims of *State-polity*,
And in ſuch *matters* muſt proceed
As *Laws* and *Cuſtom* have decreed;
And if i'th' caſe theſe ſilent be,
Ought to conſult *neceſſity*;

Which

Which, (ſince it for *Self-preſervation*
Of *ſtragling Herds* made *Civil Nation*)
Still *Pow'r* muſt have o're *Government*,
To make it *anſwer* firſt *Intent*.
Now as to *Chriſtians* uſing force
'Gainſt *Law-ſubverting Governors* ;
I think the point may thus be clear'd.
When *Chriſt* in human fleſh appear'd,
The *Jewiſh* Hopes were fixt upon
A *Temporal Meſſiah's* Throne.
That *Nation* of a *King* did dream,
VVho ſhould Mankind ſubdue *to them* ;
And was to Rule with *earthly* ſway
As far as e're the *Sun* made day.
From ſuch a *Prince* each *Jew* expected
A *Province* to *himſelf* ſubjected ;
O're which he ſhould dominion gain,
And in full *Pow'r* and *Glory* Reign.
Therefore to *humble* and bring down
Hearts ſwolne with ſuch *Ambition*,
And *frame* them to receive a *King*
Born to *triumph* in *ſuffering*,
(And not a *Ruler* long to have
VVho ſhould the *conquer'd* world enſlave,)
The *Paſſive* doctrine of the *Croſs*
Both *true* and *ſeaſonable* was.
But then the Rule of *Non-reſiſtance*
Reaches to *all men*, as they'r *Chriſtians*,
Nor does't exempt the *Magiſtrate*,
Or him that ſits at Helm of *State* ;
Who by this Doctrine ſeems as far
Confin'd as meaneſt *Subjects* are :
For Goſpel Precepts we well know
Bare *Self-defence* do not allow
To Followers of *Chriſt*, *as ſuch* :
(*Turn t'other cheek* imports as much.)
Not that *Chriſts* Laws to be *Slaves* bind us,
But only *leave* us as they *find* us
In *human Station*, neither can
The *Chriſtian* diſpoſſeſs the *Man*

Of *Civil* Right or *Natural*,
Which equally belong to *all*,
So far as *Nature* and each *State*
By their *reſpective Laws* create
Property, and give *Title* to,
Chriſtian or *Pagan*, *Turk* or *Jew*.
Now you grant *us* this *Property*,
But to *maintain* it *Pow'r* deny;
And therefore are not half ſo kind
As you would ſeem, for ought I find:
For who allows me *Right* and *Claim*,
But no *Right* to *defend* the ſame,
Incloſure gives without a *Fence*;
And this I take to be Nonſenſe.
But pray this *paſſive* Doctrine why
Are you not always govern'd by?
When *Maſs* or *Ruine* are your choice,
Your *Non-reſiſtance* makes no noiſe.
With ſworn *Allegiance* you diſpenſe,
When made for *Slavery* a Pretence;
(Had you ith' rigour but ſtuck to it,
Peeters e're this had made you rue it,)
You can *diſtinguiſh* then and *limit*;
Can *moderate* Notions find, and *trim it*.
No man, ſay you's ſuppos'd to *ſwear*,
Himſelf to *hamper* and *enſnare*;
Nor can men's *Oaths* bear ſuch *conſtruction*
As plainly *binds* to *ſelf-deſtruction*.
Had Senate of *Caligula*
Eſtabliſh'd ſuch an *Oath* by *Law*,
He'd had his *wiſh*, for thereupon.
Millions of *Necks* had been as *one*;
And though our *Chriſtian* way more *ſlow*
Muſt be confeſs'd, yet by *one blow*
The *twiſted lives* of human kind
More *certain period* could not find.
Theſe your *late* Notions were, though now
You'r pleas'd the ſame to diſavow.
For when the dreadful *danger's* o're
Treat ſtraight, cry you, *recall*, *reſtore*;

And

And now your *Rights* ſeem *ſafe* and *Lives*,
Your old Allegiance *Oath revives*.
But were all people of your mind,
Where could you this dear *ſafety* find?
Shall we in earneſt entertain
Boundleſs Prerogative again?
Or ſhall *we* ſtill *reſiſt*, that *you*
May ſafe *be*, and *ſeem* loyal too?
There 'tis; to *James* for ſhould we fly all,
And of your *Oaths* make *ſecond* tryal,
From *Him* and *Them* again you'd ſcamper,
And gladly with ſome *Orange tamper*;
Would beg for refuge and defence
From ſome *delivering God-like* Prince,
If *ſuch* a one were to be found
Elſewhere, on *European* Ground.
Then let your zeal no more be miſpent
On Notions wholly *inconſiſtent*;
While Schemes *unpracticable* deceive you,
And the world knows not *where* to *have* you.
But ſince good *Tory* thou do'ſt paſs
For *Poet* of the *higheſt* Claſs,
In *lofty ſtrains* th' Atchievements ſing
Of *reſtor'd England's* glorious King;
Whoſe *conqu'ring* to *oblige* a State
Stands *ſingle* in the Book of Fate,
And *matchleſs Exploit* will appear
Throughout the whole *Platonick* year;
For when before did e're Kingdom
Triumph for being *overcome*?
Or ſhall hereafter Nation be
Sav'd by ſucceſs of *Enemy*?
By *forreign*, kind *Hoſtility*,
Freed from *domeſtick Slavery*?
From *home-bred* miſery and woe
Deliver'd by *Invading* Foe?
This *Action* ſo amazing great
No Pen can duly celebrate,
Nor muſt *thou* venture to rehearſe
What tranſcends all the pow'rs of *Verſe*.

Her utmoſt art thy *Muſe* will need
To reach this *Hero*'s meaneſt Deed;
Which would a large Poetick field
T' a *Virgil* or a *Claudian* yield:
While *Trimmer* only dares to chime
With one for ſenſe and one for rhime,
And humbly crowding in among
The *half-inſpir'd Phebean Throng*,
With *thoſe* whoſe *Principles ne're vary*,
Cryes long may *William* Reign and *Mary*.

The HIGH TORY's Catechiſm.

Queſtion. WHat is *Paſſive* Obedience?

Anſwer. *Paſſive* Obedience is an abſolute unconditional reſignation of our *Lives*, *Laws*, and *Liberties* to the *Will* and Pleaſure of the Prince.

Queſt. Is this *Paſſive* Doctrine always binding?

Anſ. No; this *Paſſive* Doctrine obliges in the rigour, only when *Whiggs* and *Trimmers* are like to *ſuffer* by it; but when the malignant *effects* of it turn upon *us*, it loſes its force and obligation.

Queſt. Pray, what may you *then* do?

Anſ. We may *then ſuſpend* and withdraw our *obedience*, and not only *invite* a Forreigner to reſcue and deliver us, but *aſſiſt* him with our *prayers*, *purſes*, and *perſons*.

Queſt. You ſay, you may *ſuſpend* your Allegiance to your Natural Prince; pray therefore is it not utterly *extinguiſh'd* in ſuch a caſe, or does it ever *revive* and recover its former obligation?

Anſ. Yes it does; for when the *danger* of ruin from an arbitrary Prince ſeems to be *blown* over, we ought to declare again for *Him*, our oppoſition made againſt him being grounded upon his *Power* no leſs than his

Will

to deſtroy us; now the *former* of theſe being once remov'd, and the *latter* thereby *diſarm'd*, he again becomes our lawful *irreſiſtable* Governour, with excluſion of *all others, though the obligations they have put upon us be never ſo great.*-

Queſt. But if *all men* return'd to their allegiance as well as you, (which I ſuppoſe they are equally oblig'd to do,) he would quickly recover that ſame *power* of deſtroying. Pray in that caſe what methods are you to take?

Anſw. You go upon a miſtake; for we very well know that the *Body* of the *people* will never truſt *him* again, but to the uttermoſt of their power oppoſe his *Reſtauration*, which they are well aſſur'd would bring greater *calamities* upon this Nation, than it ever *groan'd* under ſince it was govern'd by a *Crown'd Head:* therefore we hope to enjoy the *benefit* of a Publick Deliverance, without loſing the *honour* of our peculiar unpracticable Obedience.

Queſt. But (ſince divers of you are perſons in no ordinary *ſtation* and *repute*,) what if your *example* ſhould work upon ſome, and the artifices of *Papiſts*, *Atheiſts*, and wicked *deſigning Proteſtants* prevail with many more? What if our *Proteſtant* Allies, by diſcouragement from our *diviſions* and *diſtractions* as well as by other *means*, ſhould be induc'd to *fall off* from us, and the *Popiſh* Princes be brought to a confederacy *againſt* us; and theſe with many other unforeſeen *accidents* concur in favour of the *late King*, ſo that he ſhould recover his *pernicious power* by Force and Conqueſt: pray, how are your *paſſive* Principles to operate in ſuch circumſtances?

A. Why truly in ſuch circumſtances both *we* and our dear *principles* would be paſt operating at all to any purpoſe, and we can then only have recourſe to that inſipid ſelf-condemning exclamation, with which in the like *diſtreſs*, occaſion'd by the like *conduct*, we did not ſo really *comfort* as *reproach* our ſelves; that is, *Good Lord, who imagin'd it would ever have come to this!*

FINIS.